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"The first sign of love is the last of wisdom."

~Antoine Burt



Happy Valentine's Day to all! I can still remember those grade school Valentine parties. Excitement always filled the air for me as I was anxious to see who would slip a small envelope with a handwritten message into my Valentine collection box. In the hope of capturing some of Cupid's fun, our readers will find a Valentine Dedication Section within this issue of *The Classmate*. Check it out. Your friend or significant other may have written a message especially for you.

Since I am expecting my first child very soon, this will be the last *Classmate* issue under my editorship. I am passing the baton on to *The Classmate*'s accomplished Assistant Editor, Lisa Johnson. She is a very experienced writer and I know she will make an excellent Editor-in-Chief. Go get 'em, Lisa!

Also, I am sorry to report our Advertising Editor, Laurie Zinni, will be moving back to the East Coast with her family. However, we are very fortunate to have one of our very own writers, Lisa Castellano, filling Laurie's position as she is a very positive addition to *The Classmate*'s board.

On the cover of our Sweetheart's Issue you will find a photo of the Point Sur Lighthouse taken by soon-to-be Editor, Lisa Johnson. Be sure to read the articles featuring the history of this Light Station as well as the Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove. You will find each piece gives important tour information. If you decide to visit the lighthouses on Valentine's Day, be sure to watch out for Cupid's piercing arrow!

Capi Klein

Time To Get Crafty

Applications are now being accepted for the Spring Craft Bazaar to be held on April 20th, 1996. If you are interested in participating or volunteering, call Cheryl Merritt at 648-0653.

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- 19th** Executive Board Meeting
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- 23rd** Pebble Beach High Tea
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March

- 2nd** Bargain Fair-LaMesa School
10-12PM
- 4th** Members Meeting-
LaNovia Rm. 7PM
- 25th** Executive Board Meeting
Del Monte Rm. 7:30PM

April

- 6th** Easter Eggstravaganza
Herrmann Hall Lawn
11AM-1PM
- 20th** Spring Craft Bazaar
McNitt Ballroom
10AM-3PM

OSSC Membership

The Officer Student Spouses' Club of the Naval Postgraduate School is for the spouses of all students. In addition to sponsoring monthly activities, OSSC also sponsors an Adobe Tour, International Student Tea and many holiday events. Dues collected entitle members to discounts, the monthly newsletter, the Pink Flyer, and the OSSC Directory.

To become a member, fill out the form below and send it with a check made payable to "OSSC" to Christina Chen SGC#1126, phone 899-0849.

Hail & Farewell

The OSSC President's Message



1996 is here and OSSC has just the thing for you! We are an organization whose primary purpose is to encourage friendship and provide 'special events' for NPS families and the surrounding community. We hold an organizational meeting the first Monday of every month at 7PM. The meetings start with a social half hour followed by a business meeting. These meetings are where you hear what's going on with upcoming events. You can even volunteer if you like!

Since this is my farewell article, I want everyone involved with OSSC and NPS to know that I appreciate all of the hard work you have done for the Club. I couldn't have done it without you. THANKS! Also, special thanks to the new, honorary President, Gerry Evans, for jumping into a female dominated organization with both feet. It has been great working with both you and Admiral Evans.

I certainly don't want to leave out the Executive Board and advisors who have gone above and beyond their duties. Thanks for the reliability! Good luck to the new Executive Board members. I wish you well.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my two 'behind the scenes' confidants - Laurie Zinni and Julie Long. These women have helped in ways no one could imagine. In addition, I wish to thank all of the OSSC members for giving me the opportunity to serve for a full year. OSSC has had a very big impact on my life, making it a truly rewarding experience.

If you are new to the area, I can assure you OSSC will enhance your stay in Monterey. Come to the next meeting on March 4th and see for yourself! Be sure to check the calendar for the great upcoming events.

Thanks again to everyone. Please feel free to call the OSSC Office for more information at 655-3351.

Have a happy day!

Traci Biggie

P.S. Come to the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on April 6th from 11a.m.-1p.m. in front of Herrmann Hall. Volunteers, donations of candy and plastic eggs are needed. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, call 899-8447. In order for the Easter Bunny to have enough eggs for all, you must pre-register to participate.

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Community News

Helpers Needed

If you live in Stilwell Park at the Presidio of Monterey Annex, your help is needed for about one hour (or less) per month to deliver newsletters door-to-door on your street. To volunteer, call Lori Allen, mayor, at 393-2286.

Post Wide Yard Sale

The next post-wide yard sale at the Presidio of Monterey Annex is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in the fenced-in parking lot off Second Avenue which is the first left after you enter the main gate. More than 100 families are expected to participate. The sale is open to the public, but you must be a resident of the Presidio or the POM Annex to reserve a space. For more information, call Elisia Mumford at 899-0581.

La Mesa Bargain Fair

The next Bargain Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, 1996 from 10AM to 12PM. There will be over 100 sellers. Reservation forms are available at the La Mesa Convenience Store and volunteers are still needed. For more information, contact Tami at 373-7812.

Mixed Chorus

Do you enjoy making harmony with others? The Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department on 546 Dutra Street is offering a mixed chorus class which will be taught by Lyn Whiting. The chorus will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30PM - 8PM at the Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center on 735 Ramona Avenue. If you are 18 years of age or older, session dates are available March 5 - March 19, April 9 - April 23 and May 7 - May 21. For more information, contact Cindy Vierra at 646-3866.

Kids Computer Class

The Monterey Recreation and Community Services Department at 546 Dutra Street is offering CompuQuest Computer Classes For Kids. Children of the ages of PreKindergarten all the way through 6th grade are welcome to attend. Session dates are available on Wednesdays beginning February 21 - March 27 and April 10 - May 15. The classes will be held at the Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center on 735 Ramona Avenue. Instruction will be provided by State-Credentialed teachers who will challenge all skill levels as well as keep parents up to date with weekly handouts. For further information, call 646-5665.

Scholarships Available

The OSSC is offering scholarships to dependents of military personnel in the area to help meet the ever-increasing cost of education. The OSSC scholarships are open to dependent spouses or children of military personnel affiliated with the Naval Postgraduate School. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree on a full-time or part-time basis. One scholarship is awarded solely to an OSSC member or dependent of an OSSC member. Each recipient will receive at least \$500. Scholarship awards are based on overall merit, academic promise, participation, financial need and an essay. Applications are available now through the Family Service Center at the Naval Postgraduate School or by calling the Scholarship Chairperson, Lisa Digges, at 393-9381. The deadline for returned applications is April 19, 1996.

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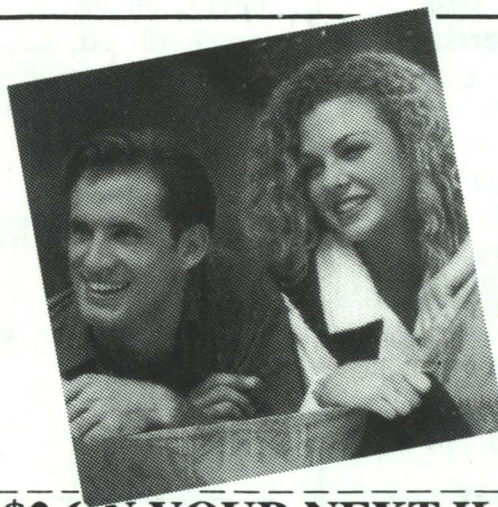
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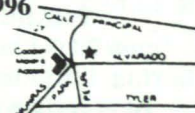
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Before planning a trip, pick up a free "The Lake Tahoe Winter Visitors' Guide" at Outdoor World on Fremont. Also available are free brochures for each of the major ski areas, which include trail maps and package prices. Internet information can be found online at www.sierra.net, and additional info (including daily photographs from the



LT Desrochers skiing moguls.

top of Heavenly) can be accessed at www.rsn.com. Before driving, call CalTrans at 1-800-427-7623 to get the latest road conditions for I-50 (South Lake) or I-80 (North Lake).

During the winter, California law requires chains to be carried in the Sierras, and check points are set when road conditions warrant.

Discounted lift tickets can be purchased in advance from the Outdoor Recreation Office at DLI. The tickets are between 10 to 15% cheaper at DLI, but they are non-refundable and lock you into skiing a specific resort. Ski rentals are also available at DLI, but because of limited operating hours it is often more cost effective to rent skis in Truckee, Tahoe City or South Lake Tahoe. With the planning stage complete, here's a brief run down on the

major ski resorts in the Lake Tahoe region:

HEAVENLY Known to the locals as "Big Blue" for its mostly intermediate terrain (blue square trail markers), Heavenly has the most skiable acres (4800) and vertical feet (3500) in the area, served by 19 lifts. Because of its proximity to South Lake Tahoe's major hotels, the crowds at Heavenly can be more than a nuisance. The spread out nature of the two peaks means more terrain but can also make getting around a little more difficult. Heavenly does an excellent job grooming the trails; however, this can frustrate die-hard mogul skiers.

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ALPINE MEADOWS Billed as the family ski resort, Alpine is the only major resort that does not allow snowboarders. In addition, Alpine offers a very balanced mix of beginner through expert slopes, covering 200 skiable acres, 1802 vertical feet and serviced by 11 lifts. When the snow is fresh, Beaver Bowl on Ward Peak provides fan-

tastic views and great mogul runs. Although the runs face every direction on many peaks, it is relatively easy to get around the mountain.

NORTHSTAR AT TAHOE Considered to be a bit off the beaten path, Northstar is located approximately thirty minutes North of Tahoe City. This mountain is similar to Alpine Meadows in acres and terrain with more vertical feet (2280) but only 8 lifts, four of which are high speed quads. The expert trails on the backside are truly tests of stamina. There is only a single chair that services these eight runs. As a result, weekend liftlines can be long. The groomed front side provides plenty of beginner and intermediate runs. The unique man-made (and perfectly spaced) moguls on Marti's Run can make a mogul skier out of anyone!

KIRKWOOD Kirkwood is still a local secret at Tahoe because it is thirty minutes south of South Lake on the less traveled I-50. Kirkwood has some of the most challenging slopes in the Sierras, with the famous skull-and-crossbones sign at the bottom of "The Wall" lift indicating the nature of the double black diamond trails. The 2300 skiable acres and 2000 vertical feet at Kirkwood are graced with some of the best snow around, mostly because the base of the mountain is at 7800 feet. Kirkwood averages over 70 inches more snowfall annually than Heavenly (around 20 miles away).

Much more information exists in the "Lake Tahoe Visitor's Guide," as well as in free travel guides available in the Tahoe region once there.

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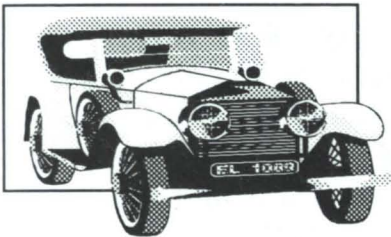
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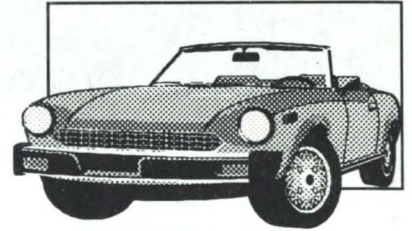
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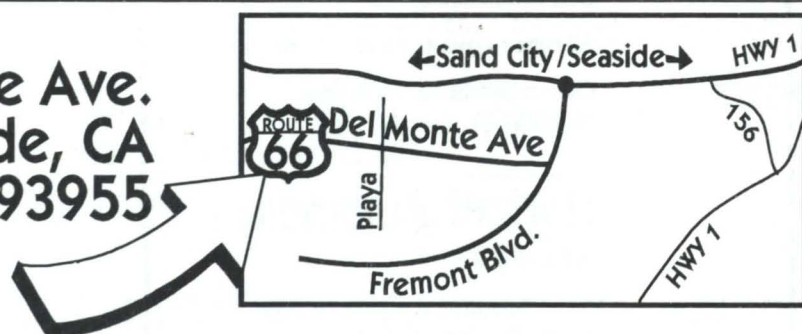
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An Interview With Admiral Evans' Sweetheart

A typical day of a military spouse might include making dinner, washing and ironing uniforms and packing the military member off to work each morning. If you are Gerard "Gerry" Evans, the line is drawn at shining the shoes of his wife, Rear Admiral Marsha Evans. This is not surprising when you consider that Gerry has already served his time with the military as a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy as well as our very own Naval Postgraduate School as a naval aviator. What is unique for him is his position as spouse of the Superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School. As a man and as a retired military officer, Gerry provides a different perspective to his duties in Monterey.

The duties that go along with being spouse of the ranking officer at a naval base are not foreign to Gerry. His first opportunity came when he was asked to join the U.S. Naval Academy Officers' Wives Club. He believes that he might have been the first male to be invited to join. He joked that they needed him to move the furniture but it really was a great honor and a wonderful group. While at Treasure Island, Gerry was the honorary Chair of the Red Cross. He decided to be more active and became a volunteer. He learned fast when Desert Shield/Storm came along and the regular Chairperson was sent to help the troops. Gerry became the acting Chair and spent much time helping the military spouses. While in Washington, D.C., Gerry was involved with Navy Wifeline Association. He was the only male there but managed to recruit another man to volunteer with him. These experiences will serve Gerry well here at Monterey.

Honorary President of the Officer Student Spouses' Club (OSSC), hon-

orary President of the Faculty and Staff Spouses' Club (or the old Del Monte Club) and honorary Chair of Volunteers for Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society are the positions Gerry presently holds. One thing common with these groups that Gerry sees is the need for recruitment to keep membership and participation alive and well. He sees the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society as an interested, talented group who

Male spouses be prepared. Gerry is tired of being the only man and is planning on looking into how many female students are married to find potential recruits.

keeps busy. He has only had one board meeting with them so far and will continue to be active with the NMCRS.

He views the Del Monte Club similarly since they are well-established due in part to their strong membership and high level of participation. Gerry has had more opportunities for observing the OSSC at their monthly meetings. He is concerned with the ratio of married students at the Naval Postgraduate School to those who are members of OSSC. Further, he sees the participation in OSSC activities as significant; however, he sees a minimum amount of bodies contributing to the set up and actual running of these events. In the hope of rectifying this dilemma, he's already recruited new members at the New Students' Brief and New Students' Receptions. Gerry believes that there is, "... no paucity of good ideas at OSSC, but you can't

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count on the same handful of volunteers for projects. You need to spread the wealth." What may help is increased membership. He would like to see a goal set which would herald an increase in membership by at least 25%. Another idea from Gerry is to get more people involved in the regular meetings. This way they can actually see that there is 'plenty on the plate' to which they can contribute both

their time and energy. Gerry would like more spouses to recognize that if they move to Monterey without a job (and many spouses are used to working), there are organizations which they can become involved in. Plus, it is something to do besides being around the house. Gerry stated that he didn't know where we would be without the volunteers because he sees their hearts are in the right places, they

have good community spirit, and they give a lot of themselves especially the board members of all the groups. Male spouses be prepared. Gerry is tired of being the only man and is planning on looking into how many female students are married to find potential recruits.

When he was at the Postgraduate School as a student, Gerry remembers Barbara McNitt's efforts to retain the grandeur of the Del Monte Hotel, now Herrmann Hall. As a result of these efforts, the Ballroom is named for her. Becky Mercer was very active with the Garden Club and the Arizona Garden. Gerry sees that improvements need to be made to the Navy's Golf Course and it needs to be kept cheap enough for everyone to enjoy. He suggests possibly setting up an advisory board to pursue these ideas. I think he may have found his niche!

Lisa Castellano



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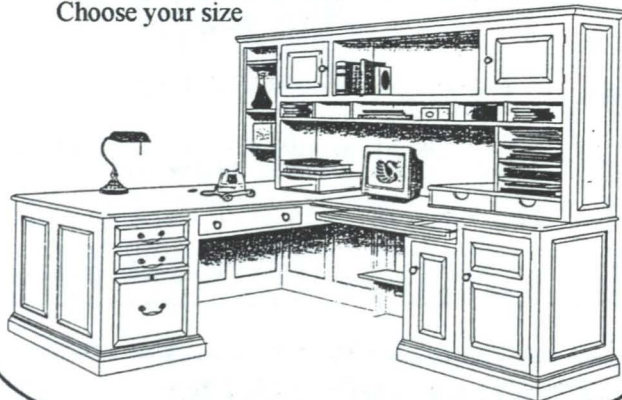
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The Light Stations Of Big Sur and Pacific Grove

While the California coastline is beautiful and magical with its rocky shoreline and pounding surf, it is these same features which make it treacherous for the ships that navigate it. For years shipwrecks were common and had become a part of the nearby communities' social history. Ultimately, lighthouses were constructed to combat the snares of the sea and two of the state's most famous are here in the Monterey area.

What would you consider a special occasion for a community picnic? In the past, some people thought a raging battle was proper mealtime entertainment. For the people of Big Sur, a shipwreck was considered picnic material. At least it was until the construction of the Big Sur Light Station, one of Monterey County's most interesting landmarks which is featured on the cover of this issue's *Classmate*.

Before the lighthouse began operation in 1889, numerous ships smashed against the treacherous rocks that lined the coast. Realizing that something had to be done, the government allotted funds for construction of the Point Sur Light Station. It turned out to be no small task.

The proposed site for the light station was Point Sur, a gigantic volcanic rock overlooking the most treacherous span of the coast. The first challenge was getting men, equipment and materials to the site. In 1888, Big Sur resident Joe Post accepted a government contract to build a road to the top of Point Sur with one stipulation: in front of witnesses, a four horse team must pull a fully loaded wagon to the top, turn around, and return to the bottom or he would not be paid. In the end, the road climbed 364 feet with an 11.2 percent grade to a point 450 feet above the breakers. Joe Post earned his money. In appreciation, he was then awarded the contract to haul all of the stone used in building the lighthouse. Eighteen

months of back breaking work later, Point Sur had a self-contained lighthouse facility. This complex included several small houses, a larger house for the lighthouse keeper and his family, and a small school house constructed 395 steps below the lighthouse.

The million-candlepower light, which amplified a kerosene lamp through elaborate glass prisms, was made in France and then shipped around the Horn to its new home. Its beam could be seen 26 miles out at sea and its hoarse diaphone fog signals blasted twice every sixty seconds.

When the lamp arrived, the many men who toiled in all aspects of the construction celebrated their accomplishment, convinced that their efforts would save hundreds of lives. Only one local worker named Choppy Casuse thought otherwise. "Good light, but she no work," he grumbled. "Go all the time 'Boo-Boo,' but the fog creep in just the same."

Operation of the lighthouse, now a California State Historical Landmark, was assumed by the U.S. Coast Guard just after World War II. In 1971, the old lamp was retired and presently resides in the Allen Knight Maritime Museum at Custom House Plaza in Monterey. Now the lighthouse is completely automated and hooked up by computer with the Coast Guard Station at Monterey.

Tours of the Light Station are offered on Saturdays at 10AM and 2PM and on Sundays at 10AM. Wednesday tours are available over the summer months and moonlight tours are scheduled monthly from April to October. For more information on ticket prices and tours, call (408) 649-7139.

Interested in visiting a lighthouse closer to home? Then an excursion to the Point Pinos Light Station may be just for you. Older than the Point Sur Light Station, this lighthouse holds the



Pt Pinos Light Station

distinction of being the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast.

In 1852, the government purchased 25 acres of the Rancho Punta de los Pinos from the Armenta family. Later, the Twelfth Lighthouse District Inspector lashed out at the builders, claiming they chose the worst location from the standpoint of navigation. Yet, as John A. Hussey pointed out in 1964, the location couldn't have been too bad, "since the Point Pinos Lighthouse still sends out its guiding beam from its original site."

While the small stone structure itself had been completed by 1854, the light was not installed until February of 1855. The first light was a sperm whale oil lantern, eventually replaced by a lard oil lantern, then kerosene and incandescent vapor. Electricity finally made it to Point Pinos in 1915.

In 1967, the City of Pacific Grove assumed ownership of the lighthouse from the U.S. Coast Guard and opened it to the public. You can visit the Point Pinos Light Station on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1PM to 4PM. Simply follow Lighthouse Avenue to the tip of Pacific Grove. For more information, call (408) 648-3116.

Lisa Johnson



Old Customs Die Hard

Dedications

To: Dumplin'
From: Tex
Roses are red, violets are blue blue,
My two favorite girls, are Shelly and
LuLu.

To: Dufus, a.k.a. Jay 'Elrod' Elliott
From: Mrs. Dufus, Jr. Dufus &
Miss Dufusette
We love you!

To: Evala
From: David, Kendrick & Dakota
We love you, A-1 Mommy!

To: Johnny
From: Cap
Forever, amen.

To: My Daddy (Bert)
From: Katie
You are the best and I love you!

To: Dyanne
From: Alex
Happy Valentine's Day! Too bad it's
just a fling.

To: Julie
From: Beav & Kait
Happy Valentine's Day, Darlin'. We
love you.

Be my Valentine, SBMB!
Love, your Sweet Baby

When it comes to Valentine's Day, most people know of its connection to the Roman priest St. Valentine, the patron saint of lovers. Yet, still another legend traces it to an ancient Roman festival named Lupercalia and its enduring traditions.

According to this legend, Lupercalia was a spring festival originally celebrated on February 15th honoring Lupercus, the god of herds and crops. Lupercus protected the peasants' flocks from wolves and gave both they and their animals continued health and fertility. In addition to songs, games and dancing, a favorite Lupercalian custom was drawing names.

Through this practice, all of the young women of a town scribbled their names on a piece of paper and threw them into an urn or bowl. Then, on Lupercalia Eve (February 14th), eligible young men would each draw a name. That girl then became his partner at all dances and parties for the next year. Sometimes they married before the next name-drawing and sometimes they didn't.

As more Romans became Christians, the church tried to abolish pagan festivals like Lupercalia, but met with great resistance. The people liked the old traditions. As a compromise, the priests changed the festival's name to St. Valentine's Day, moved it to February 14th (the day of St. Valentine's death) and proclaimed it a Christian holiday.

This fooled no one. And, to this day, St. Valentine's Day continues the tradition of choosing a special person in the celebration of love.

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2. **Sellers may not sell or give away at the fair:** animals, home business items/crafts or samples, motorized vehicles, boats, firearms, medications, food or liquor.
3. OSSC and the Bargain Fair Committee are not responsible for merchandise pick-up, delivery or financial transactions between buyers and sellers before, during, or after the fair.
4. **Unloading:** A map will be included with your confirmation form which describes where you should unload.
5. **I.D. Tags:** On the morning of the fair, check in with the official of your assigned aisle and get your tags. (Up to four tags per paid space.) Wear these tags in order to be permitted in the Fair area prior to 10:00 a.m. These tags are made in advance so please make sure all sellers are listed on reservation form. Be sure to list children who are old enough to walk around by themselves or they may be asked to leave the area until the Fair actually starts.
6. There will be no refunds after the registration deadline.
7. Large items that will not fit in a space (8' x 8') should be photographed. Posters and photos can be used the day of the Fair. If possible, bring a piece of a set for display.
8. Set-up procedures that required nailing or screwing are forbidden.
9. **Watch children closely!** There is a lot of activity during the set up of the Fair. Small children can get lost or hurt.
10. Clean up your space. This ensures that OSSC will be able to hold the quarterly Bargain Fairs. After the Fair, unsold clothing can be donated to the Farm Workers who will be located by the drop box near Shubrick Road. Sellers are required to take their unwanted items to the drop box for disposal.
11. Please no smoking in the spaces.
12. **No commercial items are to be sold.** (i.e. Tupperware, Mary Kay) No new merchandise of any kind!!!
13. Restroom facilities will only be open during the hours of the Bargain Fair: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m..

Please direct any questions before the fair to Tami Jacobsen at 373-7812.

***** Clearly label the price of articles and size(s) of clothing. Group similar items together such as books, dishes, and toys. Use tables, boxes, or racks for displaying things for sale. Bring old shopping bags. Have \$\$ for change.

Bargain Fair

The Bargain Fair will be held on Saturday, March 2, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the La Mesa School. The rain date is March 3, 1996.

Sellers MUST be La Mesa residents, students or staff of NPS or spouses, and at least 18 years of age. The size of each space is 8 feet by 8 feet. NO OVERFLOW! The cost per space is \$7.00 for OSSC members and \$12.00 for nonmembers. The limit is 2 spaces per person, 4 individuals per space. Be exact when reserving your space(s) and number of sellers. No changes will be made after the deadline. Write checks payable to OSSC. Tables or other display articles are the responsibility of the seller.

Spaces are assigned according to the order in which the reservations are received. **Incomplete forms will be returned.** If you wish to have a space next to another seller, turn in **BOTH** forms & payments together and note your request. When sharing a space, include both names. Other special requests will be accomodated if possible.

Individuals who are willing and able to help with check in, traffic or crowd control will receive preferential treatment. First pick on your space and early check in are a couple of perks for volunteers. **Please call Tami Jacobsen at 373-7812.**

Reservation form and payment must be delivered to **SGC Box #1718** by **February 19, 1996**. This is the last date that reservation forms will be taken, even if all the spaces are not filled. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. There will be no refunds after **FEBRUARY 19**. No reservations by telephone without the form. Confirmation and check in information will be delivered to your SGC or Faculty box by February 28. Bring it with you to the fair!

Questions!?! Call Tami Jacobsen, 373-7812.

Cut along dotted line and return the lower half with your payment.

Bargain Fair Reservation Form

Incomplete forms will be returned!

Name: _____ # of spaces _____

Address:_____ **# of sellers (tags)**_____

Phone #: _____ OSSC # _____ SGC # or Faculty Code _____

OSSC membership # is mandatory. Payment per space (\$7.00 members or \$12.00 nonmembers, checks payable to OSSC) must accompany this completed form. Deliver to SGC#1718 by February 19, 1996.

Sellers Names:

1. _____
3. _____

2. _____
4. _____

No name, no tag, no early admittance. Sellers names include people setting up the space.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **\$ enclosed** _____

Signature ensures that you understand & agree to comply with the Bargain Fair rules.

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Check in time _____ Aisle number _____ Space (s) _____

OSSC Spring Craft Bazaar

The OSSC Spring Craft Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, April 20, 1996** from 10:00 AM → 3:00 PM at the Naval Postgraduate School, Herrmann Hall (Barbara McNitt Ballroom).

Applications are now being accepted. The **FINAL DEADLINE** for all applications is **March 29, 1996**. Confirmation letters will be mailed by the deadline; however if all spots have been filled at the time your application is received, you will be notified immediately by phone. Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Anyone interested in selling items must have a seller's permit; obtained from the State Board of Equalization in Salinas BEFORE submitting an application for space. You must list all sellers and please note that all **incomplete forms will be returned**. You can apply for a temporary permit good for the day of the event by calling 443-3008.

A limited number of burlap-covered backdrops are available at no charge. Every table must have a linen. You may provide your own linen or obtain one from us at our cost.

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Backdrop? ☐ Yes ☐ No OSSC Linen? ☐ Yes ☐ No Table? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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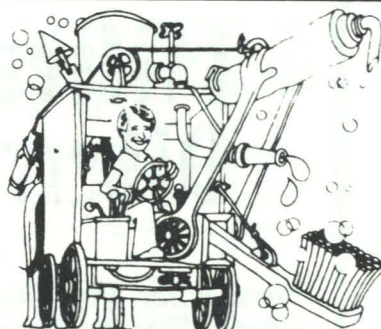
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In 1994, Chateau Julien's crush consisted of 4,000 tons of grapes! The winery has a standing contract with 840 vineyard acres in Monterey county and several nearby regions combined. Growers as well as winemakers are enamored with the vineyards of these areas for two basic reasons: the terrain and close to ideal climate. Yet, growers are always on the lookout for ways to vary and improve their grapes to form new tasting wines. As a result of the popularity of Tuscan grapes such as Trebiano, a white wine grape, and Sangiovese, a red wine grape from Central Italy, our own backyard vineyards have taken to producing grapes similar to them.

Chateau Julien's winemaker, Bill Anderson, blended a little of the winery's Merlot (a "toasty, berry" flavored wine aged in French nevers oak barrels) with the Sangiovese. Like the Merlot, Trebiano and Sangiovese are aged in French Oak barrels along with Chateau Julien's "traditional style" wines. These are produced in small

quantities with some labels only available from the Carmel Valley winery itself. Chateau Julien also has 185,000 gallons of stainless steel storage in its cellar. The "fresh and affordable" Emerald Bay wines are fermented in these units. The Browsers produce Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Johannisberg Reisling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Meritage white wines and a cream Sherry that is an excellent compliment to your favorite dessert.

The fact that Chateau Julien utilizes central California grapes to

create its wines may cause you to wonder how the floods of 1995 affected the wine market. Unfortunately, the deluge hit just as the primary buds were tender causing roughly \$20 million worth of damage. This resulted in the vineyards falling prey to rootrot, a condition which occurs as a result of standing water surrounding the vines, and phylloxera, a situation which develops when run-off from an infested vineyard migrates into another vineyard. The cost of central California's grapes most certainly rose as a result of this destruction. Yet, wineries using these grapes

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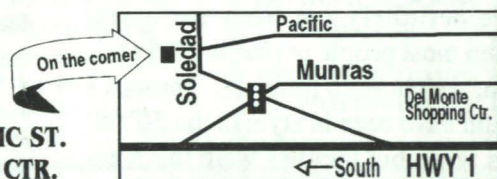
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Yes, My Hands Are Full



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During the nineties, big families have definitely not been the norm. When most people are having 2.5 children, we chose to have six. Perhaps I would have been in style in the 50's or 60's when big families were more acceptable. But, nowadays, I get a lot of grief from people when they find out I have such a big family. So, I thought I might try my hand at enlightening people in regards to the subject of big families and how wonderful they actually are. My husband calls me "Mother of Many." Every person whose attitude I can change saves one more "Mother of Many" from peoples' stares and unsolicited comments - well meaning or not! I could fill a book with all the funny comments I hear. People usually walk by, give me a disapproving

look and say, "You're a glutton for punishment," or "You must have a lot of patience," or "Better you than me," or the worst, "You poor woman." How dare they! My favorite remark of all is, "You must have your hands full." It seems as though I hear this line the most often. I always say I'm going to scream if I hear it again. However, instead of screeching, I am going to attempt to clear up 'The Six Most Common Big Family Fallacies' for you.

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Obviously some people have unplanned children; however, all of ours were planned. Another comment I frequently hear is, "Don't you know how this happens?" The speaker usually chuckles under the false assumption he/she has made a profoundly humorous remark. I feel families like ours

are the ones who should be having children. After all, we are educated, financially stable and each child has been planned and wanted.

The #2 Big Family Fallacy: large families are a result of a commitment to religion. People usually ask us if we are Mormon or Catholic. Certainly, some Mormon and Catholic families are substantial for religious reasons, but it seems very old fashioned for people to assume that is the reason for any big family. Our family recently went to the San Diego Zoo. While we were at the exhibit of Galapagos turtles, I saw a woman pointing at my family, laughing at us and speaking to her companions in French. I definitely heard the word "Catholic" in her conversation! As we walked past her I wanted to throw her into the nearby alligator exhibit.

The #3 Big Family Fallacy: large families are due to numerous marriages. "Are they all yours?" people sometimes question. Some big families are from one marriage believe it or not!

The #4 Big Family Fallacy: "Mothers of Many" have easy pregnancies and deliveries. Absolutely not! As any mother should know 'easy' shouldn't even be in the same sentence as pregnancy and delivery. Suffice it to say, some of my births were more difficult than others. And, did I mention that my husband was on cruises when two of our children were born?

The #5 Big Family Fallacy: husbands of large families must help out a lot. My husband is a Navy F/A-18 pilot and after 17 years in the Navy, most of it sea duty, it's understandable why some fathers cannot help around the house very much. Even at NPS, he has a challenging curriculum and lives at the library. Navy life!

The #6 Big Family Fallacy: "Mothers of Many" must have a lot of patience. Hopefully, most do, but I could use more than I have. I'm often told, "I don't know how you do it."



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I don't know either sometimes but when you have a big family, you just do it. If you can make one peanut butter and jelly sandwich, you can make six. We are really busy most days with school, activities and appointments. Yes, I wish I had a little more free time, but it's not going to happen anytime soon!

One funny thing about all of this is that the dads never seem to have the negative comments thrust upon them like the moms do. People just slap my husband on the back and say, "Big families are great!" or "You must be a great dad!" When someone walks by our table of eight in a restaurant and comments as they always do, he just smiles and says, "Yes, we've got a basketball team here," or "They're cheaper by the dozen!"

From the kids' point of view, there is always someone to play with, do homework with or fight with in a big family. The word "share" in a big family takes on a magical meaning. My husband is one of seven kids; consequently, he is still good at sharing. Our families birthdays and Christmases are wonderful.

Sure, there are some days when nothing goes right and everyone is mad at each other. But the days when we all get along, the days when I am holding a sweet, newborn baby, when I see my daughter helping her younger brother with homework or when I see my oldest son on one knee comforting a little sister over her scraped knee or hurt feelings, it makes it all worthwhile. We'll never be rich. We'll always drive a van, not a Mercedes. My husband may never get that boat he always dreams of (He says he will since he already has the crew.), but we have a lot of other things that are much more important. A house filled with happiness and love.

As our time in beautiful Monterey is coming to an end, I am looking forward as always to our next duty station and of course a bigger house. The

best thing would be a community with lots of other big families. The next time you see a mother of many somewhere around the town, spare her the comments! Maybe you'll see her at Del Monte Shopping Center, pushing a double stroller and pregnant or with a baby in a backpack. Instead of staring or verbalizing one of those six fal-

lacies, say something nice or open the store doors for her. Even just a smile would be welcome. Because maybe, just maybe, her hands are full and like me, she likes them that way. Full of her beautiful, wonderful children.

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Sure, you've been to the Presidio of Monterey Annex to shop at the Commissary. Maybe you've even been to the PX or stopped by Burger King for a quick lunch with the kids. You've seen the boarded-up buildings and the empty parking lots. But behind the old Army base's "ghost town" look, you might not realize how much activity is still going on at the former Fort Ord.

For example, more than a thousand military families live in base housing at the POM Annex. Most NPS students live in either Fitch or Stilwell parks; the majority of residents in Marshall and Hayes parks are attached to the Defense Language Institute. The houses belong to the Army, but are administered through the Navy's LaMesa Housing Office. However, there is a lot more to the former Fort Ord than just houses. It harbors playgrounds, a commissary and many other facilities - all of which are available to you as a part of the military community on the Monterey Peninsula.

For example, did you know there is still an operational Thrift Shop at the POM Annex? In fact, it just moved into

its new home just inside the Main Gate, in the former Visitors Center on the right just after you enter the post. There is also a veterinarian, an Auto Crafts Shop, Army Community Service, a library, a youth center... Well, in case you didn't know, here's a rundown of some of the facilities that are available to you at the POM Annex.

* The PX: Run by AAFES, the Post Exchange is fairly well stocked and the prices are competitive. In the same shopping center you'll find a candy shop (They have great lumpia!), a decently stocked Class 6 store where you can find bargains on local wines and other spirits, a dry cleaners, a seasonal shop that stocks lawn and garden supplies and toys, and a beauty shop. There's also a snack bar out front that smells so good it's tough to resist.

*Chamberlin Library: My favorite hangout -- they have a great selection of children's books and videos you can check out, not to mention the adult books, magazines, newspapers, paintings and a paperback book swap. The staff is always friendly and helpful. If they don't have it on the shelves,

chances are good they can help you get it on loan from another library. The library is open noon to 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and is located next to the post chapel on North-South Road.

*Post Chapel: While we're on the subject, the chapel offers Protestant and Catholic services as well as Wednesday afternoon "Kids of the Kingdom" classes and a variety of special events.

*Army Community Service: ACS is located in the former Community Club, at the corner of North-South and Gigling roads across from the PX parking lot. It is a primary resource for delivering social service programs to service members and their families. Staff members operate an Emergency Food Locker program, issuing vouchers for food from the Commissary in emergencies, as well as commodity food distribution, SITES information on all military installations worldwide, budget and credit counseling, a loan closet, and referral for family advocacy programs. Stop by and check out the new full-color brochure about the Presidio and the POM Annex, or just pick up copies of

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flyers giving you the latest information about happenings around the area. Coming up in March is a Family Action Plan Symposium, March 27-28, offering military members and spouses from all branches of the service an opportunity to voice concerns and address issues. If you are interested in being a delegate, the ACS phone number is 242-7660.

***Community Club:** While it's true the club is not open on a regular basis, it is available for rental for special events and gatherings. Call the Edge Club at the Presidio for information.

***Child Development Center:** Newly reopened in January, the child care center is still in its infancy but is accepting applications for child care from age 6 weeks to 5 years. It is on Monterey Road. The phone number is 583-1050.

***Shoppette:** OK, it's not a major tourist attraction, but it sure comes in handy when you realize you're out of milk at 8:55 p.m. Located on Normandy Road.

***Porter Youth Center and The Curl teen center:** The youth center offers activities and after-school programs for youths, including sports activities and dances. The youth center is on the corner of North-South and Normandy roads. The phone number is 242-7923. The recently opened teen center is in the former SATO office next to the credit union, in the PX parking lot, and features activities geared toward the older youths including special adventure trips.

***Golf:** The Black Horse and Bayonet golf courses are in walking distance of your home if you live at POM Annex. How's that for convenience?

***Miles and miles of roads for walking and bicycling:** The boarded-up housing areas are off-limits to vehicles, but you can bike or jog to your heart's content. There are trails, too, for the less adventurous.

***Self-help shop:** You can borrow lawnmowers, edgers, weed-eaters and

even carpet shampooers from the Lawn and Garden and Self-Help Shop, just north of the intersection of North-South and Lightfighter roads.

A recently signed agreement between military officials and California State University at Monterey Bay (which is located on part of the former Fort Ord) provides for shared use of facilities such as the golf course and child development center. But it also allows military personnel and their dependents to use CSUMB facilities, including the university's library, its gym -- or "Wellness Center," as they call it -- and other facilities it may open in the future such as the bowling center, tennis courts, Freeman Stadium and others. Folks who live at the POM Annex also have another source of support and neighborhood activities: The Community Mayors Program. The program, something like a residents' association, consists of volunteers who seek to help residents resolve issues and bring their concerns to the attention of housing

officials, commanders, law enforcement personnel and any others who can help fix what's broken. The mayors program also sponsors activities throughout the year, including a quarterly post-wide yard sale that usually attracts more than 100 sellers; periodic Town Hall meetings, where residents can get information and ask questions of officials on the spot; playgroups; and seasonal activities such as craft sales, Easter candy hunts and Santa visits. The mayors also publish a monthly newsletter to keep residents informed about community news.

Another source for information about community news is the News Channel, which is available to cable subscribers on Channel 7 between 6 and 6:30 a.m. and 6-6:30 p.m.

So we're not quite as isolated out here at the POM Annex as we may appear to be at first glance. Stop by sometime and check us out!

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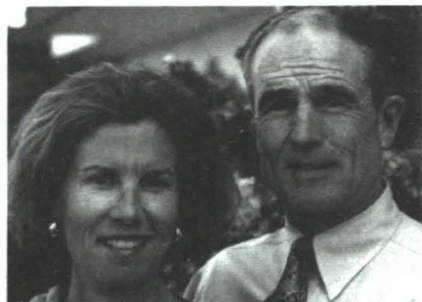
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How to Win Yard of the Month

Lawn Tips from an Expert

If you passed by our home, 218 Colmar, last September, you probably noticed a sign in the front yard that read "Yard of the Month." I must admit, that it didn't just come to rest there by accident. Like most military families, we've worked very hard to make the most out of each of our military housing experiences. This one being no exception. When it comes to landscaping, though, I would have to admit we've had an unfair advantage. Before joining the Navy, I was fortunate enough to have worked for a very large commercial landscaping firm in Chicago. It was through this unique experience that I managed to acquire a great deal of knowledge concerning the care and maintenance of lawns. With Spring just around the bend, I hope the following tips will benefit military families at the POM Annex as well as residents of La Mesa.

Water Regularly and Evenly - Even though the nightly fog and mist on the



Monterey Peninsula are beneficial to the growth of your lawn, the hot, California sun can dry it out in a matter of

a couple of days if it is not watered properly. To prevent this from happening, water your lawn daily - preferably sometime after 1700. These evening waterings will prevent your lawn from scorching which is what happens when H₂O droplets left on grass blades are intensified by the sun's midday rays. In addition, the sandy soil here on the Monterey Peninsula results in a great deal of water runoff. As a result, your lawn requires a thorough and even watering to promote uniform growth of your lawn. Watering it between 30 to 60 minutes per section is sufficient enough to ensure an adequate soaking of the soil.

Mow Frequently - The types of lawns found here on the Monterey Peninsula are very different from those in other locations of the United States. This is due to the arid climate lawns must withstand here in California. They tend

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to have survival mechanisms that make them very difficult to groom. Proper and regular cutting are important to help promote growth. Over cutting can cause severe damage to your lawn as it exposes the delicate, lower root structures. This can be seen by the appearance of unsightly, patchy, brown spots. The lawn mowers available at the POM Annex Lawn and Garden shop have variable height wheel settings which can help to prevent 'scalping your lawn.' Since every lawn is different, I recommend you set your lawn mower to a higher setting each time you mow until there are no more brown patches.

Fertilize Three Times per Year - Because of the predominately thin layer of soil found on this area of the Monterey peninsula, lawns need to be fed a regular dietary supplement. This diet should consist of a simple application of a nitrogen-based fertilizer. Scott's manufactures a fertilizer package that can be purchased in the AAFES Garden Store for less than \$30.00. It contains a year's supply of fool proof fertilizer. All you have to do is apply one bag of weed-feed in March and one bag each during the months of June and October - it's that simple. Expect a marked increase in yard growth beginning two weeks after any application of fertilizer.

Weed Often - Once weeds appear, do not allow them to stay in your yard for very long. They will choke a lawn by competing with it for water and growth space. To control your weed situation, you will need to resort to the old-fashioned method of pulling them.

Rake Habitually - Much like weeds, dead grass, debris and even grass clippings can inhibit the proper growth of your lawn by preventing necessary air, water, and moisture from reaching the roots of your lawn. Therefore, when mowing, always use a grass catcher being sure to rake up those stray, grass clippings that the grass catcher did not retrieve once you are finished.

Aerate Periodically - Periodically aerating your lawn helps increase the amount of air, water and moisture that ultimately reach its roots. There's no need to purchase an expensive aerating tool. Simply invite a friend over to play a round of golf on your lawn, and keep your golf spikes on.

Providing for a healthy lawn doesn't require much in the way of gardening tools. Those that you will need can be borrowed from the POM Annex Lawn and Garden Shop. The three things required of you in the long run are: time, effort and knowledge. Believe me, it's certainly worth it. The sign in our front lawn was living proof of this fact. And, soon after employing these techniques, your lawn will become the next neighborhood showpiece with a sign in your front yard reading "Yard of the Month."

Dan Walsh

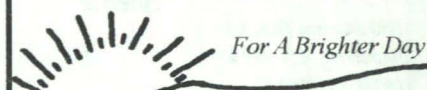
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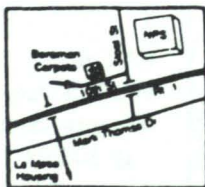
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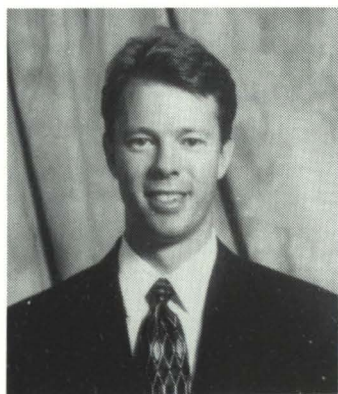
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